terms more energetic than evangelical. The difficulty in the case was that the parties failed in the beginning to settle the meaning of the principal term in the debate-in what condition of things human and material, the end of the world was to consist. A point was left which both were obliged to avoid, and as this was one of the most importance, nothing but indefinite wrangling and dispute was the consequence. The error into which these persons fell is not an uncommon one. The world is constantly being amused, or misled, or terrified, by words whose meaning is so indefinite as to be equivalent to none. All disputes in philosophy, it is said, in the last analysis, turn upon definitions; and a thousand states of mind and forms of doctrine which, in the light of one system of terminology appear awful in the extreme, in that of another, become quite excusable, if not really praise-

Although the end of the world has been postponed for a new calculation upon the prophetic bases, thereby rendering unnecessary for the present any conjectures as to that in which it will consist, there are other popular phrases suggestive of catastrophes yet to come, a slight examination of whose purport might allay some present apprehensions. We allude to that class of expressions now so much in vogue among politicians in one section of the United States, of which the typical one is "The Ruin of Our Country"-taking, however, various forms, to adapt itself to the immediate exigencies of the orator or journalist by whom it is employed. Our country is in danger of being ruined: it is therefore important to know what will be the condition of "our country" when it shall have been "ruined"-when the ruin now imminent has fallen upon it; so that, unlike the end of the world, there will be no occasion for dispute as to whether or not the ruin has arrived.

It has been the custom of writers and orators of the sensational school, in this connection, to employ certain figures of speech drawn from startling natural phenomena, as floods, earthquakes, the eruptions and explosions of volcanoes and the like, or from the various forms of architectural destruction or dilapidation. Thus, the catastrophe to which we refer has been symbolized by a sweeping deluge, or the eversion of a continent through the energy of subterranean forces, or the untimely falling of a lofty edifice, crushing people at once, and institutions into a condition undesirable to contemplate. It is possible that in consequence of the use of these figures a notion at sonce indefinite and exaggerated has obtained in the popular mind in respect to what is to come, in case the threatened ruin shall arrive. When the people are informed that they are sitting upon the summit of a volcane, primed and loaded for an explosion, they will, of course, anticipate a very emphatic jar, in case it shall go off beneath them; and when a gentleman potent in oratorical phrase threatens to grasp the pillars of the Constitution and pull the entire national fabric upon their heads and his own, they will hardly escape expecting to hear "something drop," when the feat is performed. We suspect that these figures are not very justly chosen, and shall therefore, in what we have to say, dispense with their employment, while we proceed to inquire into the nature of the thing to be ruined, the character of the ruin that is threatened, and the probable extent of its operation.

"Our Country" is a tract of territory long and wide, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, occupying the best part of the continent of North America, and inhabited by some thirty millions of people. The "Rurs" that overhangs it is admitted to be political only. It will not, therefore, necessarily annihilate the land or destroy the people. The soil and the climate after the ruin will remain precisely as they were before. Hill and dale, woods and waters, mountains and plains, will all stay in their places, their vast producive powers neither impaired nor suspended. The people, also, with all their pristine energies to multiply and produce, with the same character, the same aims, and the same ambitions, will be just as we see them, now. There will be the same wealth, the same capacity the same love of industrial persuits, the same rewards of labor, and the same incentives to eminence. The sun will rise and set, the streams flow, the rain fall, and the seasons revolve as they have done since, the foundstion of the world. If a man were placed upon the top of a mountain so high as to be able to overlook the entire land at the time of the collapse, he would not be able to discover a particle of difference between the appearance of things before and after the catastrophe. The children of men will be born, die, marry beget, accumulate, have their ambitions, their enmities, their rival-ries, their friendships and their affections, just as they have done for quite a number of

We may therefore lay aside the apprehension that the ruin of our country is to be, to any extraordinary degree, a sensational event, and proceed to inquire into that which will constitute its real elements in case certain things in which this impending ruin will be a part, shall arrive; for exampler the dissolution of the Union, the second of several Southern States from the Confederacy, the absidenment of the Con-

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difference in effect.

Several politicians will go out of offiand will be obliged to resort to other means to obtain a livelihood, whereat they will undoubtedly make a very considerable clamor. They will predict great tribulation as the result of their disfranchisement, but in the course of time will learn that the country is better able to do without them than they are to do without the country.

Several institutions very costly and cumbrons will also become obsolete, and the buildings where they are located will go into a state of dilapidation; the result of which will be quite a saving of cost to the people, who sought to know of him whether he was | and a proportionate increase in the reward of labor and the stimulii to legitimate enter-

The idea has been sedulously inculcated that, in case of a dissolution or a secession, it will be the duty, or the necessity, of the divided members to pitch into each other for war of extermination; and this ridiculous notion has been made to figure largely in the performances of those whose political capital consists in at once threatening and deprecating such a terrible event. If the people of the United States shed a great deal of blood over the results of the wranglings of their party politicians, they are much greater fools than we take them for. Necessity for a quartel there will be none; good to come out of one there will be as little; and stomach for fight, when the time arrives o begin, we suspect, will be no more plentiful than the other motives.

It has been zealously inculcated by several influential gentlemen who have unfortunately lived to the age of petrification, that "our sacred Constitution" is the end of all human wisdom-that it embodies sagarity and public virtue such as no longer exist among the degenerate sons of revolutionary sires, and that, if once set aside and violated, there is no hope of another, through the want of the prudence and honesty necessary for its fabrication. If the Constitution is better than the people, that of itself is good ground for its repeal; for the institutions of every community should be the true reflections of the popular character. The Mosaic dispensation-so we are informed upon excellent authority-was the most perfect government that ever was devised for man; and yet, how could we live under it? It is too good for us; it was too good for the people for whose use it was framed, and, therefore, in many respects, its symmetry was destroyed out of indulgence to their wicked propensities. There is probably no people in the world who are not perfectly competent to devise and set in motion at any time, as good a government as they are capable to enjoy; and therefore all apprehensions on that head in respect to the people of the United States,

are idle to the last degree. Like the millennium to the disputants who figure at the commencement of this article, or like the deluge to the gentlemen outside the ark who sought shelter from the opening shower, the "ruin of our country" does not promise after all to be much of an event. It is questionable if it may not come and be seemed to dance before her eyes. A sulupon us, and not be discovered; if philosophers may not debate whether it has arrived, or is yet to appear; and if future historians may not-as in the case of the downfall of the Roman Empire-differ by several centuries as to the time when it occurred. There is, therefore, not much occasion for disturbance. We may sit at ease on the top of our volcano, and, without a particle of terror, permit Mr. Samson Keitt to fumble about the pillars of the Constitution.

Wn do not feel inclined to permit the charge made against us in the Enquirer of yesterday-that we have been guilty, "to the extent of our power of inflicting an injury pon the trade and business of Cincinnat with the South"-to pass without some notice. The charge, if it came from a responsible source, would be a heavy one-the heaviest that could be made against a journal in the place of its publication; and if we were under any apprehension that it would be believed by our fellow-citizens, we should be uncomfortable. To make such charges here will only injure the credit of our neighbornot ours. There may, however, be places where he or ourselves are less known, for the benefit of which we deem it proper to say that there is not a particle of truth, nor of the remotest resemblance to truth in the declaration of our cotemporary-a fact of which he must be as well advised as we are ourselves.

We desire to live on terms of good fellowship with our neighbors in the same trade with ourselves. In order to do so, we refrain from arraiguing them for offenses unless we accompany the indictment with testimony to sustain its allegations. If we have done that with which we stand charged by the Enquirer, the thing is easily proved, it has not been done in a corner; and we ask no more than is perfectly fair when we require from our cotemporary either a retraction of its charges or the production of the evidence to sustain them.

LOBD PALMERSTON AS A LANDLORD—His Extensive Ownership of Houses.—Lord Palmerston owns so many houses that he does not know half of them when he sees them. The other day, while visiting his Fairburn estate, in West Riding, Yorkshire, he called at every farm, every house and every cottage on the property, examining with a minute eye the condition of the land, lightening with every attention to the representations of the

on the property, examining with a minute eye the condition of the land, listening with great attention to the representations of the different tenants, and giving directions to his stewards for such alterations and improvements as he deemed necessary.

Passing along the irregular straggling hamlets, his attention was attracted by a strong, heavy-tooking stone structure, which stands frowning grimly by the road-side. The diminutive but firmly-barred aperture, which alone supplies, in infuitesimal quantities, light and air to the interior chamber, the stout, black oaken door, thickly studied with iron and fastened with a huge, heavy padlock, ominously betokened its character and the purposes for which, in past ages, it had obviously served.

His losdship inquired what the building was now used for. The reply was, "It is the parish prison or lock-up." The Viscount, who had by this time peeped into it, observed: "It is a dungeon worthy of Naples," and asked to whom it belonged. "It is your lordship's property," said the vicar. "Then let it be pulled down at once," was the order immediately issued. Twenty-seven years had glapsed since Lord Palmerston had last visited this estate.

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VALUABLE NUGGET OF GOLD.-The Melbourne (Australia) Argus states that a nug-get weighing 834 ounces was recently found by the Rohinoor Company, at Ballarat, at a depth of 400 feet. About 160 ounces of gold in small suggets lay around. In shape this monster lump of gold resembles a leg of

Diminutors Posiss.—Rarey, the horse tamer, has recently been to the Sheffand Is lands, where he purchased five of the small est ponies in the world—the least of which is seven and a half hands high, and we drilled in comicalities of all kinds.

stitution, between which there is but a shade | An English View of Seconden in the United

Remarking upon a small volume, entitled Savery Doomed, by an Englishman named Edge, the Westminster Review, for October, ventures the following prophecy respecting the result of political disturbances in the United States:

His confident anticipation of the success of His consident anticipation of the success of the Republican party is perhaps better founded than his equally confident conclu-sion that the effect of such a victory of the auti-slavery party would suspend, if not al-together destroy, the productiveness of the staple of the South. In the face of a decided defeat, the South would probably content themselves with the reflection that they have night their cause to the last, and having ttle to repreach themselves with in the way n, would soon come to the con tion that the inevitable must be endured— that a hepeless continuance of the struggle ould lead to no good result; and this is the more probable, as they must be conscious that such constant efforts as has been called for at their hands for the last few years are more exhausting than defeat, and that after such exertions defeat is not only irretriev-

such exertions defeat is not only irretrievable, but may be accepted without dishonor.

If the North pursue their victory with moderation and offer a golden bridge to their opponents, everything would lead us to suppose that the threatened appeal to arms, which has done such service as a menace, will be seen to change character, to the disadvantage of those who should resort to it, and that "if dare not" would be found to it, and that "I dare not" would be found to wait upon "I would" too closely for it ever to be entered upon as a course of action; the sponsibility would stand in too frightful a lation to the positive good that could be

boped for.

The only thing to be dreaded for the State is a somewhat close-run election. If the North arouses itself earnestly and resolutely, and gains not only the victory—as it certainly can—but an overwhelming one, as it certainly ought, most of the anticipated evils will melt away, and America enter upon that career of progress and improve-ment which it often assumes to have al-ready opened; because it has the well-grounded confidence that it can be so whenver the national will so determine

BRITISH COMPLIMENTS TO AMERICAN PRIN-TERS.—Not long ago, an edition of Goethe's Correspondence with a Child—that "strange, wild book," as an English criticealls it—was published in Boston. Its typographical beauty and handy form attracted the atten-tion of a London bookseller, who at once tion of a London bookseller, who at once purchased a large number of copies from the American publisher, and, with his own imprint upon the title-page, produced it in England. It was highly praised for the elegance of its execution, and one journal went so far as to commend its appearance as "characteristic of the house from which it was issued." It was pounced upon by the agent of an enterprising hookselling firm in ngent of an enterprising bookselling firm in New York, and several copies were sent over for sale at nine shillings (sterling) each— about double the price of the same edition with the American title-page. No doubt the booksellers found wiseacres enough to take off the copies of the English edition, even at double price. Not a bad compliment, on the whole, to the beauty of the volume, and to the University Press, of Cambridge, where the printing was done.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON PROM LIGHTNING. during a recent thunder-storm a resident of Hartford, Conn., took refuge in the house of Mrs. Charles Graffing, on the Farmington road. Nearly half an hour after the shower thurous smell was discerned in the atmos-there and a while afterward the gentleman felt a severe headache, which continued till this morning. The family were, very natu-rally, much frightened, but no one was injured. On examination, the cellar hatchway was found to be burst open. No other damage done. A "return bolt," as it is called, had come out of the ground and exploded in the cellar. These "return bolts" are not of unfrequent occurrence, and are sometimes known as "ground thunder."

THE SOUTH'S EXPERIMENT ON THE NORTH The New Orleans Bee pictures in the darkest colors the terrible commercial and social evils which will flow upon the North if the present excitement should continue, and

-only perseveres in cutting herself loose as far as p Northern commerce, in sixty days a howl will be raised in Walnut-street that will be heard in the remotest confines of the So Only let the remedy work; let the North be assalled on the only sensitive point in her system: let her be starved into reason! and we shall behold her Abolition zeal falling to zero with unexampled rapidity. We are trying an experimentum crusis now. Let it be persevered in faithfully."

A VENERABLE EDITOR AS AN AUTHOR. Cyrus Redding, the Nestor among English editors, who must now be on the verge of the eighties has just ready for publication a novel called Keeping up Appearances, which purports to describe "the interior of English life." Mr. Redding is best known as the author of a pleasant book on wines. He was the right-hand mas of Thomas Campbell, when that very irregular personage enjoyed the position and salary, and neglected the duties, of a London magazine editor.

CHARACTERISTIC ANECDOTE OF CROMWELL, When Oliver Cromwell once went into a When Oliver Cromwell once went into a Catholic Church he saw twelve statues of massive silver. "What are these?" he asked of his attendants. The trembling priest-replied, "My lord, they are the statues of the Twelve Apostles." "Take them down," said Cromwell, "and turn them into coins, that, like their master, they may go about doing good." doing good."

A DESPRIATE BURGLAR.-A negro named A DESPRIATE BUNGLAR,—A negro named Garnet, committed in Toronto, Canada, for burglary, rushed past his keeper, almost threw him to the ground, and dragged him into the court-yard of the prison and would have escaped, except for the timely aid of two other keepers, who belabored him on the head with clubs, though with little effect, until a fortunate blow felled him, when he was handcuffed and secured.

SHOOTING AT A RHINOCHROS.-Readers of natural history are well aware that the hide of a rhinoceros will resist a bullet. This fact was put to the test at Dan Rice's circus in Memphis, Tenn., on Saturday night. Capt Travis, the famous marksman, fired a bulle at the animal on exhibition at the show; i fell to the ground flattened by contact with the thick skin. The animal did not even move when he was struck.

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